

upper and lower halves for rotatably accommodating said tape reels, said lower half respectively having ribs at its front end in such a manner that said magnetic tape is restricted in height by said lower flange and the ribs,

wherein a size relationship among the magnetic tape cassettes is such that the magnetic tape cassettes have a substantially similar vertical length while a horizontal length may vary among the magnetic tape cassettes, and

when the horizontal length varies among the magnetic tape cassettes, the difference between the height of the radially inner portion and the height of ribs is the same for each of the varying size magnetic tape cassettes.

7. The magnetic tape cassettes according to claim 6, wherein at least one of the upper and lower halves having a pair of guide members for defining tape running area of the tape running openings, and

wherein when the horizontal length varies among the magnetic tape cassettes, distances between positioning marks are the same for each of varying size magnetic tape cassettes,

distances between the pair of guide members vary among the magnetic tape cassettes, and

inclinations defined by tape running paths that are defined by connecting the bosses and said guide members are the same for each of varying size magnetic tape cassettes.

8. The magnetic tape cassettes according to claim 6, wherein at least one of the upper and lower halves having a pair of guide members for defining tape running area of the tape running openings, and

wherein when the horizontal length varies among the magnetic tape cassettes, distances between positioning marks are the same for each of varying size magnetic tape cassettes,

widths of the pair of tape running openings in a horizontal direction of said cassettes are the same for each of varying size magnetic tape cassettes, and

distances between the pair of guide members for restricting tape running areas of said tape running openings at inner sides of the cassettes vary among the magnetic tape cassettes.

9. The magnetic tape cassettes according to claim 6, wherein the plurality of sizes of the magnetic tape cassettes include at least two of S, M, L and LL cassettes.

10. The magnetic tape cassettes according to claim 7, wherein the plurality of sizes of the magnetic tape cassettes include at least two of S, M, L and LL cassettes.

11. The magnetic tape cassettes according to claim 8, wherein the plurality of sizes of the magnetic tape cassettes include at least two of S, M, L and LL cassettes.

12. Magnetic tape cassettes adapted to be operated in a recording and reproducing apparatus which can commonly operate a plurality of sizes of the magnetic tape cassettes, each of the magnetic tape cassettes comprising:

a magnetic tape for storing data;

tape reels respectively provided with bosses around which the magnetic tape is wound;

upper and lower flanges for restricting vertical movement of the magnetic tape as it is wound around the tape reels; and

upper and lower halves for rotatably accommodating said tape reels, said upper and lower halves defining a pair of tape running openings through which said magnetic tape runs, and at least one of the upper and lower halves having a pair of guide members for defining tape running area of the tape running openings,

wherein a size relationship among the magnetic tape cassettes is such that horizontal lengths of the magnetic tape cassettes may vary among the magnetic tape cassettes, and

wherein when the horizontal length varies among the magnetic tape cassettes, distances between positioning marks are the same for each of varying size magnetic tape cassettes,

distances between the pair of guide members vary among the magnetic tape cassettes, and

inclinations defined by tape running paths that are defined by connecting the bosses and said guide members are the same for each of varying size magnetic tape cassettes.

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13. Magnetic tape cassettes adapted to be operated in a recording and reproducing apparatus which can commonly operate a plurality of sizes of the magnetic tape cassettes, each of the magnetic tape cassettes comprising:

a magnetic tape for storing data;

tape reels respectively provided with bosses around which the magnetic tape is wound;

upper and lower flanges for restricting vertical movement of the magnetic tape as it is wound around the tape reels; and

upper and lower halves for rotatably accommodating said tape reels, said upper and lower halves defining a pair of tape running openings through which said magnetic tape runs, and at least one of the upper and lower halves having a pair of guide members for defining tape running area of the tape running openings,

wherein when the horizontal length varies among the magnetic tape cassettes,

distances between positioning marks are the same for each of varying size magnetic tape cassettes,

widths of the pair of tape running openings in a horizontal direction of said cassettes are the same for each of varying size magnetic tape cassettes, and

distances between the pair of guide members for restricting tape running areas of said tape running openings at inner sides of the cassettes vary among the magnetic tape cassettes.

14. Magnetic tape cassettes adapted to be operated in a recording and reproducing apparatus which can commonly operate a plurality of sizes of the magnetic tape cassettes, each of the magnetic tape cassettes comprising:

a magnetic tape for storing data;

tape reels respectively provided with bosses around which the magnetic tape is wound;

upper and lower flanges for restricting vertical movement of the magnetic tape as it is wound around the tape reels; and

upper and lower halves for rotatably accommodating said tape reels, said upper and lower halves defining a pair of tape running openings through which said magnetic tape runs, and at least one of the upper and lower halves having a pair of guide members for defining tape running area of the tape running openings,